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THE HAWAIIAN ENVOY

Believes That the Annexation Treaty is Practically Defeated.

A COMMISSION WILL BE ASKED

To go to the Islands and Learn the Conditions There—He Denies That the Queen Was Deposed—She is Merely "In Retirement"—Davies Severely Criticized for Starting to America With the Princess to Urge Her Claims—Neuman Thinks He Will be Coldly Received.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Mr. Paul Neuman, the envoy of Queen Liliuokalani to Washington, to-day expressed his confident conviction that the treaty of annexation made with the commissioners of the provisional government of Hawaii was practically defeated. He said that the senate would be asked this week to appoint a commission to visit the islands and investigate the condition of affairs there. If this were done, he said, the senate and the country would learn the conditions under which the people of Hawaii would almost unanimously support a movement for the annexation of the islands if it were then determined that that was the best thing for both countries.

The political treaty, Mr. Neuman said, gave the people of Hawaii practically nothing and the offer of the island came from a body of men who had nothing to give. He asserted that the queen had not been deposed but had simply retired to her private residence in order to avoid a conflict with the United States troops. He asserted that Minister Stevens had been compelled to raise the United States flag over the government buildings in Honolulu to protect the provisional government from its own partisans. Having established the protectorate, however, Mr. Neuman said Minister Stevens should have been amply supported by this government. Personally he hopes the protectorate would be maintained until the future course of the islands was settled.

Mr. Neuman criticized the action of Mr. Davies in starting to the United States with the Princess Kaiulani, and also his reported proposition to Minister Lincoln in London to accept a United States protectorate over the island with the princess on the throne with a regency for three years.

"Why for three years?" he asked. "The princess will be of age next year and if she is ever qualified to reign it will be then."

Mr. Davies acted, I believe, without authority. The friends of the princess in Honolulu opposed the project of bringing her to this country, but she seems to have been started off before letters from the islands could reach her. I do not believe the officials of the United States will be inclined to receive with a kindly spirit the intermeddling of this Liverpool merchant."

Hopes for Speedy Action.

New York, Feb. 26.—Charles L. Carter, one of the Hawaiian commissioners, who was in this city to-day, says that he hopes that the Hawaiian affair will receive some sort of definite consideration during the present administration so that the people of Hawaii will soon learn what position the United States is going to take in the matter.

"If the treaty is not ratified will the commission ask for a protectorate?" he was asked.

"No, we would not. We only have authority to ask for annexation."

Mr. Carter returned to Washington this evening.

A PROUD POSITION.

America the Chief Source of Supply of Grain for Germany.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—The United States is the chief source of supply from which Germany draws the deficit in her domestic breadstuffs. Such is the information contained in a report to the state department by Frank H. Mason, consul at Frankfurt, of the statistics of grain importation into Germany for the year 1892. They show an enormously increased volume of both wheat and rye imported from the United States.

From fourth place in 1890, the United States rose to first place in 1892. The amount of wheat purchased from the United States rising from 1,902,772 bushels in 1890, to 23,005,796 bushels last year.

The importations from the United States in 1892 were nearly half of the whole amount imported—46,500,719 bushels. The importations of rye from the United States increased from 705,833 bushels in 1890 to 4,905,335 bushels in 1892. Russia's contribution of that cereal to Germany, owing to failure of crops, decreased from 27,000,000 bushels in 1890 to 4,500,000 in 1892.

Mr. Mason says the exhibit is interesting from the definite limit which it fixes to the capacity of British India and Australia as sources of supply.

TIN PLATE INDUSTRY.

Special Agent Ayer's Report—How the New Industry is Growing.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 25.—Special Agent Ayer has submitted another report to the treasury department on the development of the tin plate industry. The period covered by this report is the quarter ending December 31, 1892.

The report shows that during that period thirty-two firms produced 10,766,491 pounds of tin and terno plates proper. The same number of firms produced during the previous quarter 10,195,275 pounds.

Of the thirty-two firms who submitted their sworn returns for the quarter, nine firms made and used their own block plates exclusively; five others used only American plates; eight used both American and foreign plates and ten used only foreign plates. The American plates are generally preferred by American manufacturers to the foreign.

A Ready Response.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—The message of President Harrison on Canadian relations sent to Congress on the 3rd inst., in response to Mr. Hill's reso-

lution of July last, has had a response in a bill introduced in the house yesterday by Representative Hite. The measure is voluminous, revising and amending the laws establishing intercourse and relations with the provinces of British North America and the republic of Mexico and carries out the suggestions proposed by the President in his message to remedy the present inequalities.

THE LAST STRUGGLE.

A Great Rush of Legislation Will Characterize the Week in Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—The closing week of the fifty-second Congress will be characterized by a rush of legislation that has seldom been equalled. As there is not time enough for all the many and private measures near completion to pass, they must antagonize each other, and opposed to them all in both houses will stand the appropriation committees urging immediate action upon the great measures in their charge. The present condition of these bills is as follows: The fortification bill is a law; the army bill is before the President for signature; the military academy and District of Columbia bills are in conference; the sundry civil, the diplomatic and consular, and the legislative bills have not passed by both houses, but have not reached the conference stage; the pension bill has passed the house and been reported to the senate and the naval, agricultural, postoffice and deficiency bills are awaiting action at the hands of the senate committee on appropriations.

In the senate the naval bill will probably come up Monday. The agricultural and postoffice bills are expected to be reported by Tuesday and the deficiency bill about the middle of the week. They will be taken up for action as fast as reported. Meantime consideration of these bills and of other pending measures will be suspended from time to time to allow the disposition of conference reports.

In this condition of affairs matters of general legislation can hardly receive much attention, but if opportunity offers Senator Teller will endeavor to call upon his resisted McGarhan bill; Mr. Carey may make another effort to secure consideration of his omnibus statehood bill, and Senator Blackburn will probably strive to secure the passage of the New York and New Jersey bridge bill as it came from the house.

There seems to be a set purpose to prevent any further executive session of the senate if possible. This will serve a three-fold purpose—defeat action on the nomination of Judge Hancock; prevent reconsideration of the vote by which the nomination of ex-Congressman Findlay, of Maryland, as Chilean arbitrator, was rejected, and shelve the Hawaiian treaty of annexation for this session.

In the house advantage will be taken of the rule permitting action during the last six days of a session under suspension of the rules to rush forward business of an urgent nature. A number of measures of comparatively little interest may be thus passed, but the indications are that it will be necessary to give most of the time to the appropriation bills. Unless an amicable understanding can be privately reached with reference to the course to be taken with the Sherman bond amendment to the sundry civil bill it is probable that it will be moved under suspension of the rules to send all the amendments to conference with formal non-concurrence recommended.

It is believed that a two-thirds vote can be secured for this motion. By the adoption of this course, the long delay over the numerous amendments of no special interest in themselves would be avoided, leaving only the bond amendment to be fought out in the house. It is expected by the leaders of the house that the French spoliation claims will again be put on the deficiency bill by the senate, and perhaps the Cherokee strip bill on the Indian bill, but with these exceptions it is not anticipated that any serious trouble will occur on conference sufficient to endanger the passage of the appropriations bill and compel an extra session of Congress.

Get Your Places.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Notice is given by the committee having charge of the inaugural ceremonies that all military and civic organizations intending to participate in the inaugural parade must report at once to the inaugural committee at Washington, so as to prepare a proper assignment in line and mention in the official programme now being prepared.

Wanamaker Caught in the Panic.

New York, Feb. 26.—A Philadelphia special to the World says John Wanamaker's brokers sold him out of his entire holding of Reading stock last Saturday, and the net loss of the postmaster general by the trade was about \$900,000.

It is alleged in the dispatch that Mr. Wanamaker could not put up the margins demanded by the brokers. They urged him to sell out, but he is said to have refused. They finally declined to risk the losses and sold out against his will.

A Girl's Awful Death.

COLLINGSWOOD, ONT., Feb. 26.—Jennie Wench, a sixteen-year-old girl, murdered her mother and cousin, a boy five years old, Thursday night in a shanty in which they lived, near Craileith. The girl used an axe and the bodies of her victims were horribly mutilated.

Jennie's brother brought the news of the murder to this place to-day and says his sister wanted her mother out of the way, so she could marry her lover. The girl has not yet been arrested.

Cleveland's Sunday.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Feb. 26.—Mr. Cleveland passed a quiet Sunday with Mr. Carlisle as his only guest. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland and Mr. Carlisle took a long drive through the Lakewood Pines. Mr. Carlisle will leave for Washington to-morrow morning. Mr. Cleveland said this evening that he was not ready to announce what day he will go to Washington, or who will accompany him. The trip will be made as quietly and with as little ostentation as possible.

Paper Mill Burned.

PEORIA, ILL., Feb. 26.—The paper mill at Elmwood, this county, the property of the Columbia Paper Company, was totally destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$14,000. Origin of the fire unknown.

THE RACE TRACK WAR.

Public Meetings are Held Throughout New Jersey.

DENOUNCING THE LEGISLATURE

For Passing the Bills Legalizing Pool Selling at the Tracks—Ministers Strongly Denounce the Act. The Names of Members Voting for the Bill Placarded in the Churches. An Indignant Crusade Begun. Meetings at Several Points.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Feb. 26.—The regular services of the Congregational Tabernacle, of which the Rev. John I. Scudder is pastor, were omitted this evening and an anti-race-track indignation meeting was held instead. Pastor Scudder denounced the legislature for passing the bills and also denounced Governor Werts for vetoing the bills before their opponents had an opportunity to work up public sentiment against them.

Ex-Mayor Gilbert Collins said he could not endorse Mr. Scudder's remarks about Gov. Werts. He believed the governor had acted in good faith. It was his habit in all matters of importance to act promptly when once he had made up his mind. Public sentiment was against these bills. It demanded that they should be vetoed and he had voted them.

In bringing the meeting to a close Mr. Scudder said he had been informed that an indignation meeting would soon be held in Trenton, and he asked all who were willing to go to the meeting to stand up. Twelve persons arose. The platform was decorated with strips of maulin on which were printed the names of the legislators who voted for the bills.

The congregation of the Hedding Methodist church and the Summit avenue Baptist church also adopted resolutions denouncing the race track bills and the persons who voted for them.

The Race Tracks Must Go.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 26.—Sermons against the race track legislation were preached in nearly all the churches to-day. The public indignation over the affair is growing and the introduction of rehearing bills in the legislature to-morrow night is highly probable.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Feb. 26.—Nearly all of the clergymen here preached sermons this morning condemning the legalizing of racing in this state by the legislature. Among the audience at one of the churches was Senator Smith, who lives here.

The War to Continue.

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 26.—"Just as soon as the freeholders issue the license to the Gloucester race track we will take the matter before the supreme court," declared Colonel Huffy, of the law and order society, yesterday.

"I doubt that the act is constitutional and I think the courts will so decide it. As the governor pointed out in his veto message, an act permitting and making lawful the selling of pools on races is clearly in conflict with the anti-lottery provision of the constitution of New Jersey."

The Meetings at Freehold.

FREEHOLD, N. J., Feb. 26.—A large indignation meeting was held here to-night. James S. Yard acted as chairman, and strong speeches were made against the race track bills by clergymen, lawyers and prominent citizens. Resolutions were adopted condemning the legislature for undue haste in bringing the measure up and its passage. A committee of seven were appointed to visit the members of the legislature and the senator from this county and use every just and proper means within their power to induce them to secure the repeal of these most objectionable measures above referred to.

At Orange.

ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 26.—In almost every church in this city to-day the ministers had something to say relative to the passage of the race track bill by the legislature. The measures and those who passed them were roundly denounced.

Another Cause for Trouble.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 26.—Some of the leading Catholic clergymen here are opposed to the proposed bill providing for turning over of the parochial school property to the state in return for an appropriation. They hold that nothing substantial could be gained by the scheme.

The appearance of such a bill in the legislature will be a signal for an agitation greater than any that has shaken the state in years, as Protestants generally would be against it. Impassioned editorials in opposition to the project have already appeared in newspapers.

STATE BANK TAX.

Superintendent Preston, of New York, Discusses the Question.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The annual report of the Hon. Charles M. Preston, superintendent of banks of the state of New York, on discount banks, which is to be submitted to the legislature on Tuesday, devotes considerable space to a discussion of the state bank tax question. Mr. Preston says that the proposed repeal by Congress of the 10 per cent tax on state bank circulation would find twenty-eight of the forty-four states of the union not fully prepared and sixteen of these very imperfectly equipped to avail themselves of the relief.

If Congress shall neglect the demand of the Democratic platform and refuse to repeal the 10 per cent tax on state bank notes issues, it then becomes almost immediately important to determine what shall succeed the national bank note as now provided for if bank notes are to be a part of the circulating medium of the United States hereafter.

Oyster Vessels Wrecked.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 26.—A special from Laurel, Del., says: Intelligence of a very harrowing nature has just been received from Tangier Sound, the wrecked oyster beds of the

Chesapeake. Four boats were wrecked, the Maggie Smith, Thomas Messick, Benjamin Harrison and George Thomas, and seven oystermen, Harry Smith, Benjamin Walker, Martin Vanderk, of Philadelphia, and Howard Clendannel and Charles Hammersley and two unknown dredgers were drowned.

JOE CHOYNSKI TALKS

About the Coming Fights—Peter Jackson Doing Well.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Joe Choynski, accompanied by Ed. Graney, the champion amateur light-weight of California, is in the city. Choynski will second Ryan in his fight with Dawson next Wednesday night and will challenge the winner of the Hall-Fitzsimmons fight at the ring side, Parson Davies furnishing the necessary backing.

"They tell me that Ryan fights like Corbett," said Choynski, "and that he is a game man, and a hard puncher. If he is fast he ought to whip Dawson, but I do not care to venture a prediction on the outcome. Goddard is a hurricane fighter, and ought to win. I am ready to make a match with the winner of the Hall-Fitzsimmons fight, but suppose that I will have to wait from six to nine months before I can fight. I have no engagements at present. Peter Jackson is doing finely as an actor, and his Uncle Tom is a big success. Peter takes naturally to the part and seems to like his new work. As for Parson, he is at home anywhere. Their company has been playing the small towns and will soon open in San Francisco."

"As for the Hall-Fitzsimmons battle, it looks like a toss-up for choice. The winner is hard to pick, but judging from Hall's showing against Corbett at the battery some months since, Fitz has a good show. Hall, though, may turn about and whip him easily."

PRIZE FIGHTERS ARRESTED.

A MAN Near Chicago, Which May Result Fatally.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—A prize fight between John McArthur and Louis Vera, both of Chicago, was fought near this city early this morning.

Both men were fearfully battered and Vera was knocked out in the twenty-second round. He is so badly injured that his recovery is doubtful. McArthur and nine others, who were at the fight, are under arrest.

Hall Getting Ready.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Feb. 26.—Several hundred persons visited Jim Hall at his training quarters to-day. Hall is getting ready for his trip to New Orleans. He says that he is in better condition now than he has ever been before.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

Governor Brown Brings an Accusation Against His Predecessors.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 27.—In a report to the legislature of February 10 Governor Brown and Secretary of State Hendley charged that the Mason and Ford Company of Frankfort, lessees of the state convict labor, owed the state \$94,000 on account of the convicts in the Eddyville penitentiary. The Mason and Ford company have a ten year lease which was made by Governor Buckner, Governor Brown's predecessor.

The lessees built the Eddyville prison and Governor Brown charged in his report that the contract was altered for their benefit and that various concessions were made in their favor.

Ex-Governor Buckner to-morrow will publish an open letter, in which he charges Governor Brown with misrepresenting the records. Buckner claims that every alteration in the contract was made with full authority, and that several thousand dollars were saved out of the appropriation for the building.

The Pottstown Iron Failure.

POTTSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 26.—The appointment of receivers for Cofrode & Saylor was a severe shock to the community and has added to the depression caused by the recent failure of the Pottstown Iron Company. The bridge works is one of the foremost industries of the town and employs about 700 hands. Yesterday was the semi-monthly pay day of the concern, but the men were not paid. Livingston Saylor, superintendent of the works, said to-day the company received instructions from the receivers to continue operations as before and that the men would receive their pay in a few days.

For Public Printer.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Typographical Union No. 16 to-day endorsed M. B. Abeo, of this city, for the position of public printer.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Chicago police demand more pay. They may join the trade and labor assembly.

The Chicago Banknote Company, of "check-kiting" notoriety, is in the hands of the sheriff.

The British steamer Cincora has been sunk off Dungeness by a collision. Two lives were lost.

Western wire nail manufacturers have advanced prices \$2 a ton. This is the third advance in one month.

David W. Campbell, a wealthy merchant of Anderson, Ind., committed suicide in Indianapolis yesterday.

Conservatives carried the Horsham (England) bye-election, but their majority is reduced from 2,035 to 1,490.

Rumored that Cincinnati police have discovered a plot to blow up the Dods-worth distillery at Camingsville, O.

The unhappy husband of 12 women, Colonel A. E. Hagood, of Chicago, is in jail at Charleston, S. C., for bigamy.

A leading broker of Nashville, A. T. Landers, has been arrested in Cincinnati for forging \$10,000 worth of street railway bonds.

Col. Frederick Raina, editor of the German Correspondent and the central figure of the Germans of Baltimore, died last night.

Forty Japanese on their way to work on the Payetta Canal, were met by unknown men and warned to leave the country, which they did.

Jacques Lieco Adutt, alias Mueller, was arrested in the Chicago postoffice yesterday. He is wanted for forging \$50,000 in bills of exchange.

M'LEOD'S APPOINTMENT

As Receiver Attacked—What a Company Official Says.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—Nothing has transpired in the affairs of the Reading railroad to-day to disturb the torpor into which it has fallen save the attacks upon the appointment of President McLeod as a receiver. Speaking of these attacks and the criticisms upon President McLeod, an official of the company said:

"The appointment was made by Judge Dallas, of the United States circuit court, who was master in the two previous receiverships, and who, outside of the officials of the company and its counsel, is probably more conversant with the condition of the road and its financial complications than any man in Philadelphia. Judge Dallas is the last man in the world who would be influenced by any unworthy consideration in appointing the receivers, and the fact that he named President McLeod with Messrs. Paxson and Wilbur shows that he looked upon Mr. McLeod as the fittest man for the place. So you may be sure that Mr. McLeod will retain his position notwithstanding the clamor."

THE LEGISLATURE.

The First Day of the Extra Session—The Appropriation Bill.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 26.—Pursuant to the governor's call the legislature met in extraordinary session at noon yesterday. The proclamation convening the legislature was read and Brockunier immediately introduced the general appropriation bill in the house, which was at once read three times and passed under suspension of the rules. This action was at once communicated to the senate and the bill was taken under consideration.

Huntington Notes.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 26.—The Democratic city convention yesterday evening nominated George I. Neal for mayor, J. N. Potts for clerk, Timothy Scanlon for treasurer, George Hinkle for street commissioner, H. C. Simms for school commissioner. The Republicans held their ward meetings last night and put in nomination an excellent ticket for council. Their city convention will be held Saturday and indications are that their municipal ticket will be headed by Charlie Barcinial, a popular and hustling mixer.

Jack Scott, a painter, was dangerously injured last night by a slung shot in the hands of John Boles.

Dr. B. A. Stockdale, who was to have been arrested for practicing medicine without proper license, has reappeared from the obscurity to which he had flown and promises the doctors here that he will abandon the field if they withdraw legal proceedings. His terms have been acceded to.

There is a lively religious awakening in the First M. E. church here. Business houses will be closed Tuesday evening in order that proprietors and employees may listen to a discourse to merchants by Rev. Bickley, the pastor.

Horsewhipped by a Woman.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Feb. 26.—At Barnuda School House, fifteen miles south of here, yesterday, Mrs. John Stewart, a farmer's wife, gave Jeff Masten one hundred lashes with a horsewhip. She drove up to the school house with her husband and calling Masten out gave him a terrible whipping, while her husband covered him with a revolver. Masten was terribly bruised and blood is said to have flowed from sixty places. The cause of the castigation was some talk reflecting on the character of Mrs. Stewart. Both have been arrested.

Spontaneous Combustion.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 26.—A fire caused by spontaneous combustion on the second floor of the four story building occupied by the Minnesota Shoe Company, corner of Fifth and Rosabel streets, broke out at 10:20 this morning and before the flames were brought under control at 1 o'clock that building had been gutted and two adjoining establishments badly damaged. The Minnesota company loses \$140,000. Other losses will bring the total to about \$200,000. Two firemen were injured, one of them probably fatally.

Accident at a Mine.

COALTON, O., Feb. 26.—At 5 o'clock last evening an accident occurred in the Tom Corwin coal mines here by which three men lost their lives. Sam Brown, his son Sidney, aged twenty-seven, and George Brown were being hoisted to the top in the cage. Near the surface the cage tipped and the three men were hurled to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 125 feet. All were instantly killed. Two other men coming up at the time escaped death by clinging to the bars of the cage.

Armor Plate Contract.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 26.—At a late hour last night the Bethlehem Iron Company's officials received notice that a contract was awarded them for over \$2,000,000 worth of heavy armor plate. The entire contract was \$3,800,000. The Carnegie works, of Pittsburgh, were awarded the balance of the contract. This will give work for five years to the Bethlehem Iron Company's employees.

Funeral of Rufus Hatch.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The funeral services over the body of Rufus Hatch were held to-day at his late home at Spnyten Duvvill. Many friends of the dead financier who knew him when he was a power on Wall street attended the services. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. The interment took place this afternoon in Woodlawn cemetery.

A Despondent Lover's Death.

NORTHFIELD, MINN., Feb. 26.—Eugene Blood, aged twenty, shot himself to death to-day. The young lady to whom Blood was engaged is sick and not expected to live. Blood went to see her to-day and on returning to his room drew a pistol and shot himself through the heart.

In Free Trade England.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Several mill owners in Heywood have closed their factories so as to assist in bringing about the desired reduction in wages. Thousands of looms are idle.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Belgium Vote for Jansen's Universal Suffrage Proposal.

BUT BRIBERY IS BEING CHARGED

By the Opponents to Try to Break the Force of the Verdict—Affairs in the Congo State—A Great Bicycle Race—Ten Persons Break Through the Ice and Are Drowned—A King is Dead—Postmaster Murdered in Sicily.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 26.—The referendum instituted by the liberal societies to learn the sentiment of the people on the suffrage question was taken to-day throughout the kingdom. In Brussels some 25,000 votes were cast. A large majority favored M. Jansen's proposal of universal manhood suffrage. The socialists voted for it to a man. The Catholics and the more moderate Liberals abstained from voting. In the smaller cities and the towns the majority for the Jansen proposal is still greater than here, although the opponents of universal suffrage are trying already to break the force of the verdict by making charges of bribery.

The office for affairs of the Congo State has received dispatches to the effect that Commander D'Hanis has defeated a horde of Arab slave traders under Tippoo Tib's sons and have captured 500 prisoners and 600 rifles. The fight took place near Safu, on the Lomani river. During recent skirmishes between the Europeans and Arabs, M. Lippens, formerly a resident of Kawongo, and Lieutenant de Bruyne were killed. Lieutenant Chaltin routed the Arabs at Yadumba and freed eighty slaves, who were dying of starvation.

Captain Jacques reports that the Arabs are constantly importing the most improved firearms, despite the restrictions in force against such a trade, and apparently have resolved to make desperate resistance to the operations of the anti-slavery people. Unless cannon be sent at once, he adds, the Europeans cannot hope to hold their own.

THE POPE BETTER.

He Says Mass and Receives the Scottish Pilgrims.

ROME, Feb. 26.—The pope is much better of his cold and this morning said mass in his private chapel. Somewhat later he received Count Rovereto-Salandra, Austrian ambassador, who presented to him a letter of congratulation from Emperor Franz Joseph and several gifts, one of them an ivory crucifix set with large diamonds. This afternoon the pope received the Scottish pilgrims and listened to a latin address read in their behalf by Archbishop MacDonald. After the presentation of Peter's pence the pope expressed his gratitude briefly, and Mr. Merri del Val read a formal address from the pope to the pilgrims.

A Voice from England.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Daily News says in a leader entitled "Choctaw Finance":

"Mr. Harrison and Mr. Foster seem to be leaving office with their tongues in their cheeks. What would we have thought had Mr. Goschen ascribed the Baring crisis to the crofter question. The present position, however, is really a grave error—the result of a long and varied course of finance."

The article ascribes Senator Sherman and other supporters of the government and says in conclusion:

"But the truth must not be confessed. It is not the shameful jobbery and wire pulling of the silver men, which have brought the country to the verge of a crisis in currency and finance; it is the Choctaw claim. Was there ever more perverse obliquity of intellectual vision?"

The Murderer Identified.

BARCELONA, Feb. 26.—The Englishman who murdered Jose Beffil, in Beffil Brothers' coal office here yesterday is a coal agent named Willie. He attempted suicide at the prison. The motive of his crime yesterday is believed to have originated in trade rivalry. Jose Beffil was a conspicuous citizen.

Ten Persons Drowned.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb.—While a pleasant wedding party was crossing the Nieher yesterday near Ekaterinograd, the ice broke and two sledges with ten persons disappeared under water. All were swept under the ice and drowned.

Bicycle Race.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—The thousand kilometre bicycle race in Machinery hall on the exhibition grounds ended to-day. Terroni covered the distance in 42 hours and defeated Corro, who came in second by ten kilos.